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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: K. SHIMOOKA et al (see attached)

For:

DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

Enclosed are:



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Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-154870 (which is hereby
filed May 30, 2003 ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by
reference)



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☐ discussed in the specification or ☐ attached Information Disclosure Statement.



Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.



Specification: Abstract X, Description 25 pages; and 20 claim(s).



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Executed Declaration.

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